

## NOTES TO VOL. LXII

(*Figures in parentheses, following number of note, refer to pages of English text.*)

1 (p. 25).—The wording of this passage, and various later allusions, render it probable that Bigot wrote this letter to his predecessor at Sillery, Jacques Vaultier (vol. lx., note 19), who had been missionary there for seven years. The latter was now residing at Paris, and was confessor to the prince de Conti; hence the allusion to "certain persons who are not very far from you."

Jacques Bigot was born at Bourges, July 26, 1651, and became a Jesuit novice at the age of sixteen, at Paris—where, and at La Flèche, his studies were pursued. He spent two years as instructor at Clermont (1671–73), and his final year of probation at Rouen, departing in 1679 for Canada. As early as 1681, he was officiating at Sillery; indeed, his entire life seems to have been spent in the Abenaki missions—Sillery, St. François de Sales, Becancour, and on the Penobscot, except for a sojourn in France, 1691–94. He died at Quebec, in April, 1711.

2 (p. 31).—Vincent Bigot, brother of Jacques, was born May 15, 1649; and both were pupils in the Jesuit college at Bourges. Vincent entered the novitiate of the order at Paris, when but fifteen years old. He was a student at Clermont, La Flèche, and Bourges; and was instructor at Moulins from 1666 to 1673. Ordained at Rouen in 1680, he at once came to Canada. In the next year, he was aiding Jacques at Sillery, and shared his labors until 1704. In 1694, they were sent to Pentegoet (Castine), where they established a mission station. In August, 1704, Vincent was appointed superior of the Canadian missions, which office he held for six years. Returning to France in 1713, he became procuror for these missions; and died at Paris, Sept. 7, 1720.

3 (p. 55).—Sée Beauchamp's observations upon Onondaga sites, vol. viii., p. 299; vol. li., pp. 293, 294.

4 (p. 57).—The *cheval de bronze* mentioned in our text was a colossal horse of bronze, made by order of Ferdinand de Medicis, grand duke of Tuscany (1587–1609), with the intention of placing upon it his own statue. His death prevented this, and his successor